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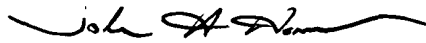
This is a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of copending U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 10/153,608, filed on May 24, 2002. This parent application was allowed on May 12, 2003, and is a continuation-in-part (CIP) application of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/434,741 filed on November 5, 1999, and U.S. Patent Application No. 09/435,285 filed on November 5, 1999.

By this preliminary amendment, claims 2-40 have been canceled. Thus claim 1 is currently pending in the application. No new matter has been introduced. Entry of this Preliminary Amendment and examination on the merits are respectfully requested.

A check for \$750.00 is attached hereto to cover the filing fees of this application. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4590US2.

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